

REMARKS

This is in response to the restriction requirement mailed May 15, 2007 with regards to the above referenced application. By way of this Amendment and Response, Applicants elect Group I (claims 86-105, drawn to a dsRNA having a strand S1 (antisense strand) which is complementary to a target gene, a strand S2 (sense strand) that is complementary to the S1 strand). The election of Group I is made without traverse.

By way of the above amendments, Applicants have amended claims 86, 89, 90, 97, 98, and 100-102, cancelled claims 87, 88, 91, 92, 93, 99, and 103-105, and added new claims 110-119. Support for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the application for example on pages 4, 7, 9, 13, 16, 17, 35, and 39.

Applicants ask that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims.

Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket no. 14174-009US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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